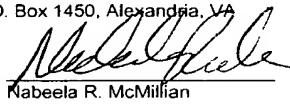


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Application of: Mühlradt *et al.*)
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For: Use of Lipopeptides or)
Lipoproteins for Wound Treatment)

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO PETITION DECISION
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Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to comments made in the petition decision mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 25, 2003. Applicants' petition was filed October 11, 2001 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.103, requesting suspension of prosecution of the referenced application for three months in order to allow Applicants to obtain a more accurate translation of the specification.

In denying the petition, the Director indicated that “[i]n the 16 months since the petition was filed no papers or new translation have been file although there has been ample time to do so.” Applicants respectfully disagree with this statement.

Applicants filed a substitute translation, substitute amended specification and a sequence listing on August 14, 2002, using Express Mail filing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.10 (Express Mail No. EV180483568US). These materials were received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office as evidenced by the attached copy of the returned postcard acknowledging receipt of the materials filed.

Applicants believe this case has now been forwarded to the Examiner of record and is awaiting further action from the Examiner. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this submission, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned representative.

Dated: May 6, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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